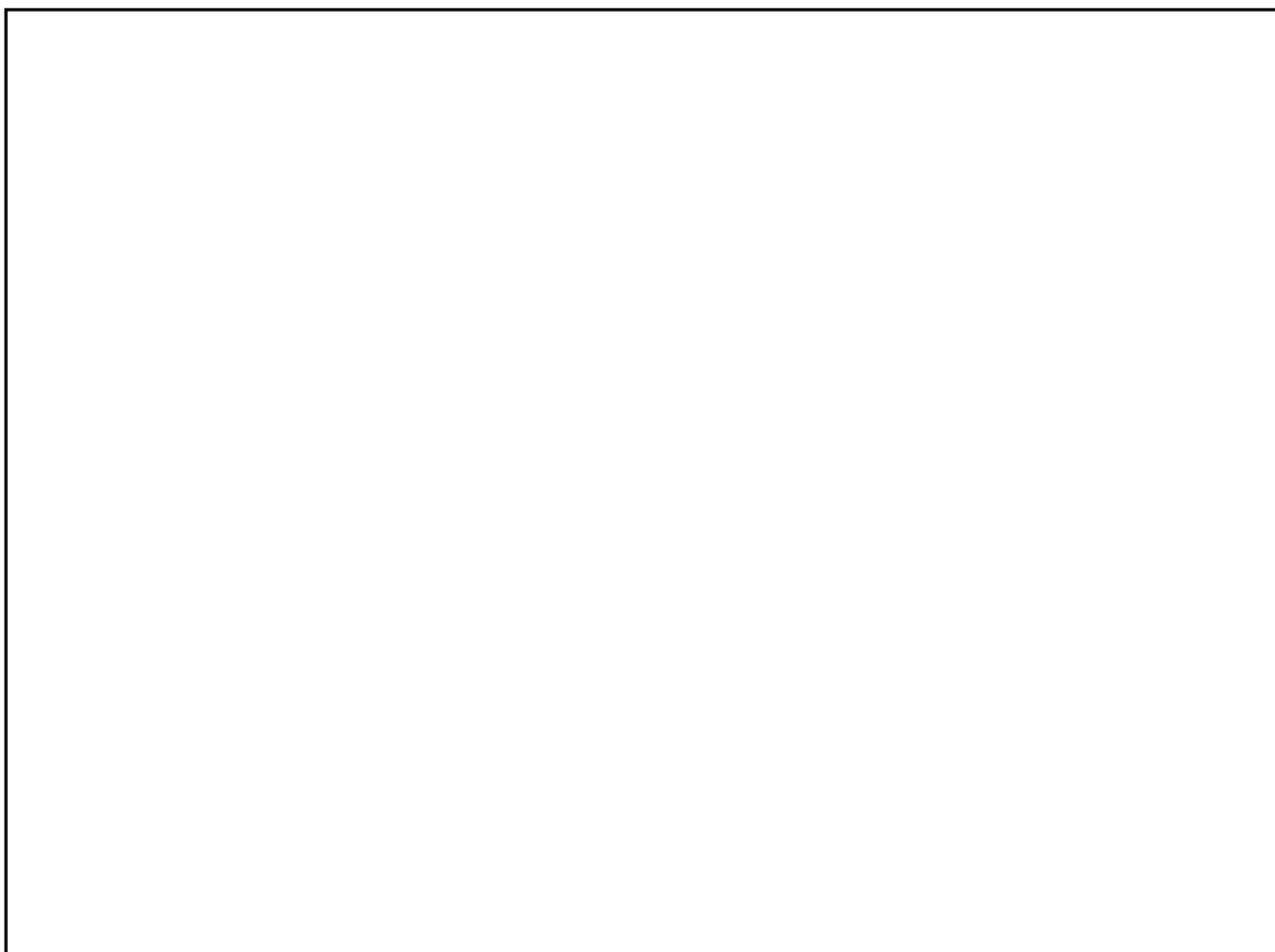


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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Indonesian Situation
(Report # 37 - As of 4:00 P.M. EDT)

1. President Sukarno has ordered, through the semi-military Supreme Operations Command, that destructive activities be stopped, that no demonstrations be held without prior permission, and that people "refrain from slander based on vengeance." The order, which was carried on Djakarta Radio on 21 October, was said to have been issued "to surmount the consequences of the 30 September incident."

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3. Sukarno has ordered Brig. Gen Sukendro to leave the country on a three-month trip to see how other nations "stand on their own feet." Sukendro is close to Gen. Nasution and has been outspokenly anti-Communist through his own newspaper since early October. This "exile" of Sukendro may well be Sukarno's counter to the army's insistance on sending Air Force commander Marshal Dani, who was deeply involved in the 30 September plot, out of the country.

4. Another Indonesian newspaper may also be in trouble. The Indonesian Herald, a mouthpiece of the Foreign Ministry which recently published an editorial directly criticizing Sukarno, has since announced that

its chief editor will not hold office for a week because of illness.

5. Meanwhile on 20 October a Moslem youth demonstration in Djakarta protested what they termed intervention by the Peiping government in Indonesia's domestic affairs. The demonstrators adopted resolutions calling on the Indonesian government to act firmly against meddling by the Chinese government and, should meddling continue, to sever diplomatic relations with Peiping.

6. Army leaders are puzzling over what moves the Communist Party (PKI) is likely to take. They suspect it may be a campaign of terrorism.

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